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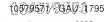
## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided by their accompanying English-language abstracts and the relevant disclosure in the Background Art section of the specification.

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For the Examiner's additional information, attached is a copy of the PCT International Search Report and Written Opinion issued in connection with Applicant's corresponding PCT application.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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